The Karnataka Urdu Academy

758 SRI QUEMARAL ISLAM (Gulbarga):—Will the Minister of State for Information and Youth Services be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Urdu Academy is functioning in the State;

(b) if so, the activities conducted by the Academy during 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79;

(c) what steps the Government propose to take for the effective functioning of the Urdu Academy in the State.

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS (Minister of State for Information and Youth Services):—

(a) and (b) The Karnataka Urdu Academy was not functioning since the question of getting the academy registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960 was under the consideration of Government for some time past.

(c) Government have made the Urdu Academy as autonomous body since 28th November 1978 along with other academies. Therefore it will start functioning during the current year.

SRI QUEMARAL ISALM:—May I know whether the Government of Karnataka had issued any guidelines to the Academy while it was formed in the year 1976?

† SRI K. H. SRINIVAS:—The very constitution of the Academy contain what are known as the objectives and they serve as guidelines. There are no separate guidelines whatsoever.

SRI QUEMARAL ISLAM:—From 1976 till today the functioning of this Urdu Academy is nil and the progress is also nil for the development of Urdu in Karnataka. Is this not sufficient to say that the Government is not interested in the development of Urdu?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS:—I agree that the Urdu Academy has not been able to function till recently. When the Academy was formed the constitution had been drawn up for the Academy. Subsequently they felt that it is desirable to register this under the Societies Registration Act and the Societies Registration Act had certain provisions. So the original constitution had to be amended for enabling it to be registered under the Societies Registration Act. In the meanwhile we took a decision to reconstitute the other Academies as autonomous bodies under the Charter of Autonomy, which is basically a Government Order, Then it was felt that the Urdu Academy also should be reconstituted similarly, and the Urdu Academy has been constituted subsequently under the Charter of Autonomy. I am happy to inform the House that the Urdu

Academy has started functioning on the 19th of this month under the Chairmanship of Sri Habib Tanveen. They have elected a Standing Committee and have drawn up a detailed programme to be executed during the current year with a budget provision of around Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 lakhs.

SRI QUEMARAL ISLAM.—Is there any proposal before the government to reconstitute and renominate some of the members as the existing body has not made any progress ?

SRI. K. H. SRINIVAS.—As already mentioned earlier the Academy could not function for reasons beyond the control of the members. Though some time has elapsed, I think a fair opportunity for performance must be given to these members and then we can reconsider constituting or reconstituting the Academy at an appropriate time.

SRI S. M. S. BHAKSHI.—I would like to know why it has not yet been registered though it was constituted about 3 years back and when it is going to be registered ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—The idea of registering this body has already been given up ; now there is no need to register it. It is reconstituted under a Charter of autonomy which is basically a government order and the Academy has now started functioning with right earnestness.

SRI S. M. S. BHAKSHI.— May I take it that the Urdu Academy would function henceforward with the nominated members ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—I stated earlier that on the 19th of this month— the day on which this Assembly met, they had held the first meeting of the Academy under the Presidentship of Sri Habib Tanveen ; They have elected a Standing Committe and have also drawn up a detailed programme to be implemented during the current year.

Providing adequate representation to SC/ST people in Departments with no Cadre and Recruitment Rules.

812. SRI T. CHOWDAIAH (Bharamasagar).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Departments which have no Cadre and Recruitment Rules ; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken by Government to provide adequate representation to SC and ST people in such Departments, where recruitment rules are not yet framed ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Eight.